

McFARLAND & HULLINGER

MINING • ORE HAULING • CONTRACTING

PHONE: TOOELE (435) 882-0103 • FAX (435) 882-6911 • SALT LAKE CITY: (801) 355-0527 July 25, 2000 P.O. BOX 238 • TOOELE UTAH 84074

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor Minerals Regulatory Program Division of Oil, Gas, Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Clarification and Response to the percentage of vegetation covering the ground associated with the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations,

McFarland & Hullinger Company, SiO2 # 1-6 Mine, M/045/046, Tooele County,

Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg,

McFarland & Hullinger, L.C. has completed the vegetation survey for the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (the "Division") for our Notice of Intention to Commence the Large Mining Operations for SiO2 #1-6 mine, located in Tooele County, Utah. We respectfully request the Division resume its review and grant tentative approval of our Large Mining Notice.

We met with Tom Munson and his team on July 18 and came up with one discrepancy associated with the vegetation survey. The actual area covered with vegetation at the foot of the mountain is approximately 10% if Cheat grass is not included or 25% if Cheat grass is included.

We appreciate your attention in this matter and look forward to finalizing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Sidney K. Hullinger Senior Vice President

do cc:

Cheryl Martinez, BLM (U-72294) Lynn Kunzler, UDOGM

RECEIVED

JUL 2 6 2000

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING